

IN THE CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for transferring a file containing audio-visual information, comprising:
transferring a video component of the file to a device;
upon completing the transfer of the video component, receiving a command from the device to transfer an audio component of the file;
retrieving the audio component of the file from a storage; and
transferring the audio component.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving a payment for the audio component.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising transferring the key, K, upon receiving the payment.
4. The method of claim 1, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising transferring the key, K.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising merging the audio and video components.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the video component is encrypted with a first key, K1, and the audio component is encrypted with a second key, K2, and further comprising transferring the first and second keys, K1 and K2.
7. The method of claim 6, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are the same.
8. The method of claim 6, wherein the video and audio components are decrypted with the first and second keys, K1 and K2, respectively.
9. The method of claim 6, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are transferred upon completion of a payment.

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10. A method for transferring a file containing audio-visual information, comprising:
receiving an indication that a video component of the file resides in a user device;
receiving a command to transfer an audio component of the file;
retrieving the audio component of the file from a storage; and
transferring the audio component.
11. The method of claim 10, further comprising receiving a payment for the audio component.
12. The method of claim 11, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising transferring the key, K, upon receiving the payment.
13. The method of claim 10, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising transferring the key, K.
14. The method of claim 10, further comprising merging the audio and video components.
15. The method of claim 10, wherein the video component is encrypted with a first key, K1, and the audio component is encrypted with a second key, K2, and further comprising transferring the first and second keys, K1 and K2.
16. The method of claim 15, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are the same.
17. The method of claim 15, wherein the video and audio components are decrypted with the first and second keys, K1 and K2, respectively.
18. The method of claim 15, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are transferred upon completion of a payment.
19. An apparatus, comprising:
means for transferring a video component of a file containing audio-visual information;

- upon completing the transfer of the video component, means for receiving a command to transfer an audio component of the file;
means for retrieving the audio component of the file from a storage; and
means for transferring the audio component.
20. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising means for receiving a payment for the audio component.
21. The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising means for transferring the key, K, upon receiving the payment.
22. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising means for transferring the key, K.
23. The apparatus of claim 19, further comprising means for merging the audio and video components.
24. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the video component is encrypted with a first key, K1, and the audio component is encrypted with a second key, K2, and further comprising means for transferring the first and second keys, K1 and K2.
25. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are the same.
26. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the video and audio components are decrypted with the first and second keys, K1 and K2, respectively.
27. The apparatus of claim 24, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are transferred upon completion of a payment.
28. An apparatus, comprising:

- means for receiving an indication that a video component of a file containing audio-visual information resides in a user device;
- means for receiving a command to transfer an audio component of the file;
- means for retrieving the audio component of the file from a storage; and
- means for transferring the audio component.
29. The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising means for receiving a payment for the audio component.
30. The apparatus of claim 29, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising means for transferring the key, K, upon receiving the payment.
31. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the audio component is encrypted with a key, K, and further comprising means for transferring the key, K.
32. The apparatus of claim 28, further comprising means for merging the audio and video components.
33. The apparatus of claim 28, wherein the video component is encrypted with a first key, K1, and the audio component is encrypted with a second key, K2, and further comprising means for transferring the first and second keys, K1 and K2.
34. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are the same.
35. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the video and audio components are decrypted with the first and second keys, K1 and K2, respectively.
36. The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the first and second keys, K1 and K2, are transferred upon completion of a payment.